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Dear Mr. Sherwood:

COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) MILESTONE M-34-16, "INITIATE REMOVAL OF K WEST BASIN SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL"

The following is formal notification that the Spent Nuclear Fuel Project completed all work associated with the Tri-Party Agreement milestone M-34-16, "Initiate Removal of K West Basin Spent Nuclear Fuel," on December 7, 2000.

The Cold Vacuum Drying (CVD) Facility and Canister Storage Building (CSB) were ready to receive Spent Nuclear Fuel before the first multi-canister overpack (MCO) was removed from the K West Basin, as required by the completion criteria for M-34-16. The loaded MCO was placed in the shipping cask and was transported to the CVD for processing on December 7, 2000. The MCO was then transported to the CSB for interim storage on December 18, 2000. The MCO will remain in storage at the CSB until it can be sent to an off-site national repository for permanent storage.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact Ellen Dagan of my staff on (509) 376-3811 or contact P. G. Loscoe, Office of Spent Nuclear Fuels on (509) 376-7465.

Sincerely,

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